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AGGREGATE TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL LOSSES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) The aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses in the power sector at present ;

(b)Whether the Ministry of Power is considering a system of graded (AT&C) losses reduction targets for distribution utilities as reported in the Times of India dated October 13, 2006;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) The time by which this system is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF POWER(SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) :As per report prepared by Power Finance Corporation, Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses of the state power distribution utilities at national level for the year 2004-05 were 33.82%.

(b) to (d) : A Task Force constituted by the Ministry of Power headed by Shri P. Abraham, former Secretary (Power), Government of India has recommended graded reduction of AT&C losses by the Electricity Distribution Utilities as below:

(i)Utilities having AT&C losses above 40%: Reduction by 4% per year;

(ii)Utilities having AT&C losses between 30 & 40%: Reduction by 3% per year;

(iii)Utilities having AT&C losses between 20 & 30%: Reduction by 2% per year;

(iv)Utilities having AT&C losses below 20%: Reduction by 1% per year.

The recommendations are with the working group on XI Plan constituted by the Ministry to finalize the approach paper for the 11th Five Year Plan.